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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR GREEN'S SPEECH TO AUSTRALIAN-  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

1. ON OCTOBER 2 AMBASSADOR GREEN ADDRESSED APPROX  
180 GUESTS ATTENDING THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. GUESTS OF HONOR  
INCLUDED THE FOUNDER OF THE ASSOCIATION SIR ERNEST  
WHITE, SIR KEITH YORSTON, PRESIDENT, AND SIR HOWARD  
BEALE, FORMER AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. WHO  
INTRODUCED AMBASSADOR GREEN.

2. THE AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH WAS WELL REPORTED IN ALL  
THREE PRINCIPAL MORNING NEWSPAPERS IN SYDNEY. ALL  
REPORTING WAS FAVORABLE ALTHOUGH EACH PAPER SELECTED  
DIFFERENT POINTS TO EMPHASIZE. THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD  
EMPHASIZED THE AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. AND  
AUSTRALIA NEED NOT APOLOGIZE FOR THEIR CLOSE ALLIANCE  
DURING THE DECADES OF THE COLD WAR, SPECIFICALLY  
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IN KOREA AND VIETNAM. THE HERALD REPORTED THAT THE

AMBASSADOR SAID THAT AUSTRALIA AND THE U.S. CANNOT REPEAT NOT REST ON THEIR OARS AND THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE CLOSELY PARALLEL AS WAS EVIDENT DURING PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM'S WASHINGTON VISIT. BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BUT THESE ARE REFLECTIONS OF WORLD-WIDE IMBALANCES, NOT PURELY BILATERAL ISSUES.

3. THE FINANCIAL REVIEW DESCRIBED THE AMBASSADOR AS ISSUING "THE GENTLEST POSSIBLE WARNING TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST PURSUING A MULTINATIONAL VENDETTA AGAINST U.S. COMPANIES." NEWSPAPER QUOTED AMBASSADOR AS REFERRING TO WHITLAM'S STATEMENT TO THE U.S. PRESS THAT "IDEOLOGY IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SHOULD TAKE A HOLIDAY" AND ADDING THE SUGGESTION THAT THERE BE "A HOLIDAY ON ALL IDEOLOGICAL BIAS BE IT IN INTERNATIONAL OR NATIONAL AFFAIRS". BOTH PAPERS MENTIONED THE AMBASSADOR'S VIEW THAT AMERICAN BUSINESS HAS MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT JUST AS AUSTRALIA HAS CONTRIBUTED TO AMERICA.

4. THE AUSTRALIAN EMPHASIZED THE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL INTERLOCKING OF AUSTRALIA AND THE U.S. WHICH THE AMBASSADOR LIKENED TO "TWO VINES WHICH HAVE WOUND ABOUT ONE ANOTHER AS THEY CLIMB A WALL IN MUTUAL SUPPORT."

5. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION EXPRESSED TO ME TODAY HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR AMBASSADOR'S PRESENCE AND ADMIRATION FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S TALK. THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION HERE IS GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TRANSITIONAL PERIOD IN WHICH THE WAR-TIME EVENTS WHICH CEMENTED THE ASSOCIATION SO STRONGLY OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES ARE FADING FROM THE MEMORY AND HAVE LITTLE APPEAL TO YOUNGER GENERATIONS. THE ASSOCIATION IS SEARCHING FOR NEW MODES OF ACTIVITY WHICH WILL BRIDGE THE GAP TO A NEW GENERATION AND IN THIS PERIOD THE ASSOCIATION IS DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF PUBLIC EVIDENCES OF SUPPORT FROM AMERICAN OFFICIAL QUARTERS. HANNAH

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